

REMARKS

Claims 19-26 are allowed.

Claims 1-13, 15-18, 27-39 and 41-43 have been canceled without prejudice. The Applicants reserve the right to reassert these claims in a continuation application.

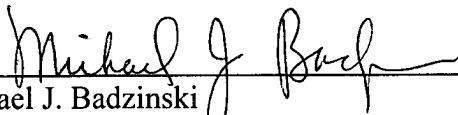
Claims 14 and 40 have been rewritten to be in independent form.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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